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Cooperative Extension offers help to residents affected by Washoe Drive fire

Presentations will provide post-fire information on landscape care, insurance claims and ember preparedness

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) is inviting residents affected by the Washoe Drive Fire to three informational sessions on January 26, 30 and 31 to discuss post-fire insurance questions, learn how to help their burned and scorched landscapes recover from the blaze and steps to help protect homes from embers during the next wildfire.

The presentations will run from 6-7 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Elementary School located at 405 Surrey Drive.

Thursday, January 26: Rajat Jain and Marie Holt, Nevada Division of Insurance, will present “Insurance – Recover, Rebuild, Restore” and field questions.

Monday, January 30: This event will feature a presentation by UNCE Extension Educator JoAnne Skelly, who will provide tips for homeowners on post-fire landscape care. Skelly worked extensively with property owners and their landscapes after the Waterfall Fire and will share what she learned from that experience.

Tuesday, January 31: Wind-blown embers were a major factor in the Caughlin and Washoe Drive Fires. Ed Smith, Natural Resource Specialist with UNCE, will present the video “Be Ember Prepared” and answer questions from the audience. Additional information on how to “Be Ember Aware” is also available at www.livingwithfire.info.

UNCE is an EEO/AA institution. The sessions are free and open to the public. Persons with disabilities who may need special accommodations should contact Sonya Sistare at 775-336-0271 or sistares@unce.unr.edu in advance of the event.

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